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Period for Reply

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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 11 February 2002
- ☒ This action is **FINAL**.
- ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- ☒ Claim(s) 9-24 is/are pending in the application.
- Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- ☒ Claim(s) 9-24 is/are rejected.
- ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction or election requirement

Application Papers

- ☒ The proposed drawing correction, filed on 11 Feb 2002 is ☒ approved ☐ disapproved.
- ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are objected to by the Examiner
- ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 (a)-(d)

- ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 (a)-(d).
- ☐ All ☐ Some* ☐ None of the:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____
- ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a))

*Certified copies not received: _____

Attachment(s)

- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). _____ ☐ Interview Summary, PTO-413
- ☐ Notice of Reference(s) Cited, PTO-892 ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-848 ☐ Other _____

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The specification is objected to under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, and 37 CFR 1.71. On page 8, lines 13-14, of the amended specification, labels "151" and "152" do not agree with amended Figure 1. On page 12, last line, label "161" does not agree with amended Figure 1. On page 12, lines 4-5 appear incorrect because every "third" pixel has two adjacent pixels. If both "are clocked with a phase II clock", then there would be no "remaining pixels" to be "clocked with a phase III clock". On page 13, lines 9-10, how an "emitter is forwarded biased with respect to the collector" is not explained at the first instance.

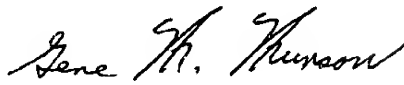
Claims 9-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph. The structure of the semiconductor imaging device (claim 9), three phase clocking scheme (claim 22), and active pixel image sensor (claim 24) are not clearly described to enable any person skilled in the art to make and use the invention. In claims 16 and 18, element (i) does not agree with amended Figure 2 (layer 165). Possible useful embodiments of the Figure 1 structure are not clearly shown in the figures. See 37 CFR 1.83. How the layers of Figure 1 fit into the device of Figures 2 and 4 is not clearly explained. Via which layer of Figure 1 signal charge reaches the output in Figure 4 is not clearly explained.

The arguments in the response, filed 11 February 2002, have been considered but are not wholly persuasive, as noted above. The response does not demonstrate that any person skilled in the art would be able to make and use the imaging device of the invention.

No claim is allowed.

If you have any questions concerning this application, contact G. Munson at (703) 308-4925 or 0956.

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